

April 12, 2020

***A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo .... Lackawanna Festival, Weather Alert, and Covid-19 Testing***

*Greetings to all,*

*I have a few short updates to share:*

*2020 LACKAWANNA FESTIVAL – due to ongoing concerns related to the Covid-19 pandemic, our festival scheduled for June 19-21 is cancelled. This difficult, but necessary decision was made to ensure the safety of our City residents, visitors and festival vendors. The Lackawanna Festival will return better than ever in the summer of 2021.*

*HIGH WIND WARNING – the National Weather Service has issued a high wind warning from 10 a.m. Monday, April 13 through 2 a.m. Tuesday, April 14. Wind gusts up to 70 mph may be experienced throughout Erie County and surrounding areas during this time. Please refer to local weather reports for any changes to this wind warning.*

*Regular garbage/recycle pickup will continue on our modified pickup schedule (morning for garbage and 4 p.m. for recycle). Please secure all loose recyclable materials in clear plastic bags or closed top boxes before placing in your recycling tote or bin/can marked X. If you have minimal recycling this week, please consider holding it until next week if possible.*

*Contact National Grid at 1-800-867-5222 to report power outages and/or downed lines – avoid coming in contact with any downed lines or areas nearby. More outage information and precautions can be found at [www.ngrid.com/outagecentral](http://www.ngrid.com/outagecentral)*

*COVID-19 TESTING IN ERIE COUNTY – on April 10, Erie County announced updated testing protocol – including no longer requiring a health care provider referral to initiate a Covid-19 test and testing priority for several high risk persons.*

*Individuals who feel it necessary to schedule a Covid-19 test should call 716-858-2929 and press option 2. County officials continue to urge anyone who has a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms to contact their physician for medical advice and guidance.*

*Erie County has done a marvelous job providing a wide-range of information about Covid-19 – including the updated testing protocol, which can be found at [www.erie.gov/covid19](http://www.erie.gov/covid19)*

*Please continue to work together – using our head's to stop the spread.*

*Stay Home. Stay Safe. And, God Bless.*

*Annette*

